

African American History Sources at the Indiana State Library

African Americans have a long and rich history in the United States and in Indiana. This history is reflected in the resources available through collections of the Indiana State Library.

The Genealogy Collection holds a variety of family history resources for the African American genealogist. These include holdings on microfilm, microfiche, in books, and in a growing collection of CDs. A selection of the holdings are provided in this brochure.

The Indiana Collection has a number of African American newspapers from throughout Indiana's history, including the *Indianapolis Recorder*. In many cases, these are available on microfilm and can be sent via interlibrary loan to libraries around the country. Recent histories on the Underground Railroad are added as they are published. Materials from the State Board of Colonization and related groups are available. Additional sources include clipping files, directories, histories, biographies, manuscripts, and photographs.

Reference and Government Services has extensive holdings of federal publications, which document the relationship between the African American community and the federal government. In addition, the general collections of the Indiana State Library hold many books on the topic, as well as historical articles in thousands of historic journals and other periodicals.

The History Reference Room, located on the second floor of the State Library, provides additional books for browsing and use by patrons.



Visit the Indiana State Library

Everyone is welcome to visit the Indiana State Library. Staff are available to assist patrons with their research questions. Librarians with expertise in a variety of fields are on hand to provide guidance and information.

Arrange for a class, club, department, or organization to visit the Library. Staff can provide tours geared toward the needs of the group or can assist the group in preparing for a research visit.

To arrange a tour or research visit for a group, call (317) 232-3689.

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African American Genealogical Sources: A Select Bibliography



This bibliography highlights African American history and genealogy resources in the Genealogy Collection of the Indiana State Library. There are many other resources in the collections of the Genealogy, Indiana, and Reference & Government Services. Please contact the State Library or refer to the Library's online catalog for more information about these resources.

Books

Braxton-Secret, Jeanette. *Guide to Tracing Your African American Civil War Ancestor* (929.11 N393b)

Burroughs, Tony. *Black Roots: A Beginner's Guide to Tracing the African American Family Tree* (929.11 N393bu)

Byers, Paula. *African American Genealogical Sourcebook* (929.11 N393ag)

Fears, Mary L. Jackson. *Slave Ancestral Research: It's Something Else* (929.11 N393f)

Greene, Robert Ewell. *Black Courage, 1775-1783: Documentation of Black Participation in the American Revolution* (973.34 A11gb)

Greene, Robert Ewell. *Black Defenders of America, 1775-1973: A Reference and Pictorial History* (929.11 N393g)

Gutman, Herbert G. *The Black Family in Slavery and Freedom, 1750-1925* (929.11 N393gu)

Heinegg, Paul. *Free African Americans of North Carolina, Virginia and South Carolina* (975.6 H468f 2005)

Hughes Wright, Roberts. *Lay Down Body: Living History in African American Cemeteries* (929.11 N393h)

Robbins, Coy D. *African American Soldiers from Indiana with the Union Army in the Civil War, 1863-1865* (973.7 I39r)

Robbins, Coy D. *Black Pioneers in Indiana* (977.2 B627)

Robbins, Coy D. *Source Book: African American Genealogy in Indiana* (929.11 N393ro)

Sluby, Paul E. Sr. *Analysis of Slave Data* (929.11 N393sL)

Thackery, David T. *Finding Your African American Ancestors: A Beginner's Guide* (929.11 N393th)

Walton-Raji. *Black Indian Genealogy Research*. (929.11 N393wb)

White, Barnetta McGhee. *In Search of Kith and Kin: The History of a Southern Black Family*. (929.2 M1939w)

Witcher, Curt Bryan. *African American Genealogy: A Bibliography and Guide to Sources* (16.92911 N393w)

Woodtor, Dee. *Finding a Place Called Home: A Guide to*

African-American Genealogy and Historical Identity (929.11 N393wf)

Microform Sources

Registers of Blacks in the Miami Valley (Ohio):

A Name Abstract, 1804-1857

Register of Blacks in Ohio Counties, 1804-1861

Negro Registers for the following Indiana counties: Bartholomew, 1853-1855; Crawford, 1853; Jackson, 1853-1854; Jefferson, 1853-1860; Jennings, 1853-1860; Martin, 1853-1860; and Orange, 1853-1861.

1850 and 1860 Slave Schedules

The Negro in the Military Service of the U.S., 1639-1886

Online Sources

Census records, including some slave schedules, available online via subscription databases

AncestryLibraryEdition and **HeritageQuest**.

Slave Narratives and Afro-Louisiana History & Genealogy available online via **AncestryLibraryEdition**.

Freedman's Bank Records, available on CD-ROM and through **HeritageQuest**.

<http://www.in.gov/library/4833.htm>